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SUBJ: NASHPITS-TSETLENOK APPEAL

REF: MOSCOW 5733

1. AMERICAN ATTORNEY HOWARD POTTER (REFTTEL) INFORMED EMBOFF THAT SOME 40 VISITING AMERICAN LAWYERS ATTEMPTED TO ATTEND NASHPITS-TSETLENOK APPEAL HEARING AT RSFSR SUPREME COURT APRIL 25, BUT THAT THEY, ALONG WITH ABOUT 75 SOVIETS, MOSTLY LOCAL JEWS, WERE NOT ALLOWED INTO COURTROOM. POTTER SAID WHEN COURTROOM OPENED AT 10:00 A.M., GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED PEOPLE MARCHED PAST THOSE WAITING IN OUTER ROOM, AND COURT OFFICIAL LATER ANNOUNCED THAT ALL SEATS WERE TAKEN. CONTRARY TO WHAT POTTER WAS TOLD APRIL 24, COURT OFFICIALS DID NOT CLAIM HEARING WAS CLOSED TO PUBLIC, ONLY THAT ROOM WAS FILLED. POTTER SAID CROWD WAITING OUTSIDE WAS ASKED TO LEAVE, AND DESPITE SEVERAL MINOR SCUFFLES, GROUP DISPERSED PEACEFULLY. JEWISH ACTIVISTS TOLD AMERICAN LAWYERS THAT SOMERELATIVES OF NASHPITS AND TSETLENOK WERE ALLOWED TO ATTEND HEARING.

2. AMERICAN JOURNALIST LATER TOLD EMBOFF THAT JEWISH ACTIVISTS HAD INFORMED HIS OFFICE THAT NASHPITS-

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TSETLENOK APPEAL WAS REJECTED BY COURT. SOURCE

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